(b) the extent to which the benefits of the said programme reached the really poor people of the State of Punjab during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a). An amount of Rs. 1634.30 lakhs and Rs. 1699.26 lakhs, including State's shares, have been allocated during 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively,out of which an amount of Rs. 1922.31 lakhs was utilised during 1993-94 and Rs. 755.50 lakhs has been utilised during the current year, upto December, 1994.

(b) Since JRY is aimed to provide sustainable employment to the rural poor, the benefits provided are measured in terms of employment generated. During 1993-94, under JRY, an employment of 38.57 lakh mandays was generated in the State of Punjab. During the current year, 13.41 lakh mandays of employment has been generated, upto December, 1994.

Construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojana in Punjab

2808. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 766 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the number of houses, constructed in the State of Punjab under the Indira Awas Yojana during the last three years which have been provided to economically backward persons, Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the society in the country; and

(b) what is the amount provided for construction of new houses under this scheme for the year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The number of houses constructed in the State of Punjab under Indira Awas Yojana for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, freed bonded labourers and people below poverty line during the last three years are as under:—

Year	No. of houses constructed
1991-92	1191
1992-93	3359
1993-94	2739

(b) Allocation of funds under Indira Awas Yojana for the year 1995-96 has not yet been finalised.

Rural Development projects in Punjab

2809. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Rural Development projects in Punjab, district-wise;

(b) what is the amount allocated by Government for each of the projects, year-wise during the last two years and in the current financial year;

(c) the names of such districts in Punjab where these projects are not being implemented in time; and

(d) what effective measures Government propose to take for completion of all the projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d). Major Rural Development Programmes being implemented by the Centre in various states including State of Punjab are (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and (iii) Accelerated Rural

Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The Districtwise Rural Development Projects are not monitored at the Central level. However the amount allocated by the Government under these programmes to the State of Punjab during the last two years as well as in the current financial year is as follows:—

Programmes	Central Allocation (Rs. in lakhs)		
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1. IRDP	406.00	528.00	523.00
2. JRY	1634.28	1634.28	1699.28
3. ARWSP	3000.00	888.00	775.00

The above programmes are implemented by the State Government at the district level through District Rural Development Agencies/Zilla Parishad/ PHED and monitored through State level coordination Committees. The implementation of the programmes is closely monitored by Centre through periodic reports received from the State Governments and field visits and whenever necessary the State Government is advised to take corrective measures for completion of the programmes in time.

Negotiations with UNDP for Fellowships and Assistance

2810. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether senior officials are negotiating with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for fellowships and other assistance to themselves;

(b) what are the reasons for giving training to officials due for retirement or left with few years of service;

(c) if not, whether such efforts are meant for post-retirement activities;

(d) whether Government would consider giving such fellowships to genuine rural workers from various States like Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the details of grant of foreign fellowships to rural workers and Non-Governmental Organisations from various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a). No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Programmes/policies for Rural Development

2811. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the programmes for rural development have not reached the poor;

(b) whether it is because of the faulty planning and policy formulation;

(c) whether Government would review the systems being followed to formulate policies for the rural poor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the policy-framers in rural development are not knowledgeable about rural life; and

(e) the steps Government propose to bring in fresh talent for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A number of evaluation studies have shown that the implementation of rural development programmes have largely benefitted the rural poor and in the light of the findings of these studies, necessary corrective measures are adopted in planning and policy formulation.